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In re application of:

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For: FLUFF PULP FOR ABSORPTION PRODUCTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The present application is the U.S. national phase of international application number PCT/SE00/00715.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the attached ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE to the application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3 and 6-8 with the following amended claims.

3(Amended). Method according to claim 1, characterized in that the particle compound is a synthetic silicate compound.